Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: Only 75 per cent of the tariff rates is realised from officers drawing a salary of Rs. 150 to 300 and only 50 per cent of the tariff rates from those drawing Rs. 150 and below.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know why that concession is allowed?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: The concession is allowed to officers drawing a lower salary, in consideration of the fact that they get only a lower rate of T. A.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Are not the non-official members of the committees which go on tour to pay in full?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: I am afraid they must pay; and they get first class officers' T. A.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai (*Commerce and Industry South*): May I know why non-official members of the Legislature are not allowed the concession?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: They are classed as first class officers in the matter of T. A. Therefore they are not given this concession.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: They only get T. A. when they go on official business. My question is whether they are entitled to the concession if they are touring throughout the State to obtain public information with regard to a particular matter?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: No.

Land available for registration in the Devicolam Cutcherry Settlement area.

39. *Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any more land in the Devicolam Cutcherry Settlement area available for registration to *bona fide* Travancoreans, and, if so, what is the extent?

Mr. K. George: No land is available for assignment in the Devicolam Settlement area.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the member whether any lands were registered in the name of private individuals within that settlement area?

Mr. K. George: Yes.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: When was such lands registered?

Mr. K. George: The lands were being held on lease in the settlement area. The leases were renewed from year to year. Later on it was found desirable to register those lands to the occupants because they have put up substantial buildings;

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Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know when such lands were finally registered.

Mr. K. George: I cannot remember the date.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: What is the total area of the land?

Mr. K. George: I can say that all the occupants who had leases were given lands on leases but I cannot say the area of the land actually registered.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether any special plot is reserved for any special purpose?

Mr. K. George: There is a plot reserved as fuel reserve. I cannot think of any other plot being reserved for any special purpose.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether sufficient area has been left which could be registered in the name of private individuals?

Mr. K. George: The Devicolam Commissioner reports that if the fuel reserve and the area under occupation and the area where the Government buildings are situated are excluded all that is left will be 42 acres and that they are very steep hills. There is also no convenience of water supply. That is the only area available for cattle grazing in the settlement.

Road from the 10th mile of Todupuzha-Arakulam road to the Valiakandam Kanam Forest Station.

40. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a representation from the public has been received praying for the opening of a road from the 10th mile on the Todupuzha Arakulam road to the Valiakandam Kanam Forest Station;

(*b*) whether the necessary alignment was made and the estimate prepared for it; and

(*c*) whether, while making the alignment and preparing the estimate, it was understood that this road was a necessity to the public?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: (*a*) Yes; there was also a petition protesting against the proposal.

(*b*) After conducting an investigation an estimate has been prepared.

(*c*) This road, if opened, will be useful to the people of the locality.

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